

**ATHENS-MEIGS EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 24, 2024**

The Governing Board of the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, July 24 2024, at the Chauncey Office, located at 21 Birge Drive, Chauncey, Ohio.

President Mick Davenport called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A moment of silent reflection was held and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Present	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Present
Mr. Mick Davenport	Present	Ms. Lynette Thompson	Present
Mr. John Depoy	Present	Mr. Steve Wheeler	Present
Mr. Gary Dicken	Present	Mr. Mony Wood	Present
Ms. Connie Dugan	Present		

Ex-officio Members: Mr. Covert Absent Mr. Grippa Absent

**24-099.** Mr. Koehler moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meeting held on July 10, 2024. Mr. Dicken seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes
Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes	Ms. Lynette Thompson	Yes
Mr. John Depoy	Yes	Mr. Steve Wheeler	Yes
Mr. Gary Dicken	Yes	Mr. Mony Wood	Abstain
Ms. Connie Dugan	Yes		

Motion carried.

### **Public Participation**

None.

**Goal 1** - The AMESC Governing Board will maintain well-informed members by holding monthly question and answer sessions on a variety of AMESC-related topics, including:

July: Staffing (Human Capital) Presented by: Lindy Douglas

**Head Start Reports and Recommendations**

A. Approve the budget revision for the Head Start Continuation Grant for 2024-2025.

B. Approve Monthly Financial Reports.

**24-100.** Mr. Bailey moved to approve to approve the budget revision for the Head Start Continuation Grant and Monthly Financial Reports, Mr. Wood seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes
Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes	Ms. Lynette Thompson	Yes
Mr. John Depoy	Yes	Mr. Steve Wheeler	Yes
Mr. Gary Dicken	Yes	Mr. Mony Wood	Yes
Ms. Connie Dugan	Yes		

Motion carried.

**State Support Team Region 16 Director’s Reports and Recommendations**

No items for Board action at this time.

**Executive Session**

No executive session during the July 10, 2024 meeting.

**Treasurer’s Reports and Recommendations**

No items for board action at this time

**Superintendent’s Reports and Recommendations**

**24-101.** Mr. Wood moved to approve the following Superintendent’s Reports and Recommendations as presented by Lindy Douglas, Superintendent:

- A. Approve the Agreement between Ohio University and the Athens-Meigs ESC for Career Navigator Services in the amount of \$70,000.00. Agreement to be effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
- B. Approve a One Year Contract (2024 through 2025) to Jennifer Smathers, Classroom Paraprofessional at Beacon School, nine months (187 days), at the rate of \$20.71 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

Eastern

- C. Amend the position title of Sheila Russell-Imboden to 1:1 Attendant with all other terms remaining the same (*salary increase approved 6/12/24, #24-080-P; two year contract approved 2/14/24, #24-020 with both showing position title as Attendant*).

Federal Hocking / Nelsonville-York

- D. Accept the resignation of Megan King, Speech Language Pathologist, effective at the end of her current contract.

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- E. Approve a One Year Contract (2024 through 2025) to Madyson Murphy as a Roaming Substitute Teacher, at the daily rate of \$135.00, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

July 24, 2024 Addendum Items

- F. Approve a One Year Contract (2024 through 2025) to the following individuals at Beacon School, nine months (187days), at the rate specified below, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need:
  - 1. Tracie Barnes, Classroom Paraprofessional Rate of pay \$19.25 per hour
  - 2. Ashley Johnson, Classroom Paraprofessional Rate of pay \$19.25 per hour (pending forthcoming verification)
  - 3. Theresa Thompson, Classroom Paraprofessional Rate of pay \$19.25 per hour

- G. Approve a One Year Contract (2024 through 2025) to Melissa Lawless, Physical Therapist, nine months (182 days prorated), effective September 24, 2024, at the rate of \$53,559.79 (prorated) pending forthcoming verification, with Board approved benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.
- H. Approve a One Year Contract (2024 through 2025) to Deborah Hillard, Physical Therapist at Beacon School, with effective dates of August 19, 2024 through September 20, 2024, up to 21 hours per week, at the rate of \$71.00 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

Alexander

- I. Amend the Two Year Contract (2024 through 2026) to Stacy Crook from Attendance Officer / McKinney-Vento Liaison to Attendance Officer, 174 days, at the rate of \$23.81 per hour, with other terms remaining the same (*contract originally approved 6/12/24, #24-080*).

Athens City

- J. Accept the resignation of Haley Howell, 1:1 Paraprofessional at Beacon School, effective at the end of her current contract.
- K. Approve a One Year Contract (2024 through 2025) to Julia (Gwyn) Crites, 1:1 Paraprofessional at Beacon School serving an Athens City student, nine months (187 days), at the rate of \$15.00 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

Eastern / Meigs

- L. Accept the resignation of Jessica Barnett, Speech Language Pathologist, effective at the end of her current contract.

Nelsonville - York

- M. Approve a salary increase to Jessica Cotterill, 1:1 Paraprofessional at Beacon School serving a Nelsonville-York student, Year 2 of her Two Year Contract (2023 through 2025), at the rate of \$22.75 per hour, with Board approved benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.

Southern-Meigs

N. Accept the resignation of Dawna Arnold, 1:1 Paraprofessional, effective at the end of her current contract.

O. Recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

Mr. Dicken seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes
Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes	Ms. Lynette Thompson	Yes
Mr. John Depoy	Yes	Mr. Steve Wheeler	Yes
Mr. Gary Dicken	Yes	Mr. Mony Wood	Yes
Ms. Connie Dugan	Yes		

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION REGARDING REDUCTION IN FORCE  
FOR ATHENS-MEIGS ESC STAFF**

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3319.172 the Athen-Meigs Educational Service Center Governing Board has determined that it needs to reduce its non-teaching staff due to reduction in funding. The reduction in staff will include the following:

1. Abolishment of two (2) Career Coaches

**24-102** Mr. Koehler moved to approve the Resolution Regarding Reduction In Force for Athens-Meigs ESC; seconded by Mr. Dicken

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes
Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes	Ms. Lynette Thompson	Yes
Mr. John Depoy	Yes	Mr. Steve Wheeler	Yes
Mr. Gary Dicken	Yes	Mr. Mony Wood	Yes
Ms. Connie Dugan	Yes		

Motion carried.

**24-103** Mr. Wheeler moved to approve the recommendation that as a result of the implementation of the Reduction in Force, the following contracts are suspended in whole at the end of the business day listed:

1. Lauren Borovicka, Career Coach, Athens City                      Effective Date: August 15, 2024
2. Jennifer L'Heureux, Career Coach, Nelsonville-York              Effective Date: July 31, 2024

Ms. Dugan seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes
Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes	Ms. Lynette Thompson	Yes
Mr. John Depoy	Yes	Mr. Steve Wheeler	Yes
Mr. Gary Dicken	Yes	Mr. Mony Wood	Yes
Ms. Connie Dugan	Yes		

Motion carried.

### **Legislative Report**

Mr. Wheeler reported that the AED bill was signed by the governor.

### **Tri-County Career Center Report**

Tri-County has hired a math teacher and the superintends job will be posted at the beginning of August.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

1. Discuss and/or approve the Attendance Officer Salary Schedule for Fiscal Year 25.

**24-104** Mr. Wood moved to approve the Attendance Officer Salary Schedule for Fiscal Year 2025; seconded by Mr. Depoy.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes
Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes	Ms. Lynette Thompson	Yes

Mr. John Depoy	Yes	Mr. Steve Wheeler	Yes
Mr. Gary Dicken	Yes	Mr. Mony Wood	Yes
Ms. Connie Dugan	Yes		

The next regular Athens-Meigs ESC Governing Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, August 8, 2024, 6:00 p.m., at the Athens-Meigs ESC, 21 Birge Drive, Chauncey, Ohio.

**24-102. Time 6:28 p.m.** Mr. Dicken moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 PM. Mr. Koehler seconded the motion. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

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President

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Treasurer